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COAL COMMISSION'S REPORT

Important Recommendations and Findings As to Conditions in Alberta Mines.

To His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by Your Honor by Commission bearing date, the 17th day of May 1907, beg leave to report that they have held sessions of the commission at Lethbridge, Frank, Coleman, Banff and Edmonton, and have examined thirty-eight witnesses, representing miners, operators, managers, medical men and railroad representatives, being in the estimation of your Commission a fair representation from practically all mines now in operation in Alberta and of the three railways at present doing business in this Province. We present herewith a copy of the evidence taken for your careful consideration.

DUTIES OF COMMISSION

By the said Commission your Commissioners were authorized to enquire into, investigate and report upon all matters having to do with or concerning the relation of employers of labor to the laborers employed in the coal mining industry in the Province and more especially in relation to the wages paid to the laborers, the length of time constituting a working day, the condition, sanitary and otherwise, under which such labor is performed, the precautions that are or should be taken to avoid accident or injury to the persons so employed, and the compensation of such persons or their dependents or representatives in the event of their injury or death while engaged in such employment and in this connection to enquire into, investigate and report upon all circumstances tending to the elucidation of the differences between employers and employed in this branch of industry with the purpose, so far as may be, of suggesting such solution or solutions for the fair settlement of such differences as the Commissioners may think proper to make; and further to make such enquiry and investigation as shall be found necessary by the Commissioners into all circumstances which may throw light upon or explain the scarcity in the coal supply which existed throughout some portions of this Province and the Province of Saskatchewan and Manitoba during the past winter.

SYNOPSIS OF EVIDENCE

(1)—In regard to the wages paid in the coal mining industry we find that employees of the the mining companies are paid wages as follows:

Ordinary unskilled outside labor $2.25 per day.

Other outside employees' rates vary ing in accordance with skill from $2.50 to $3.67½ per day.

Inside employees are paid rates vary. ing from $2.50 to $3.50 per day in accordance with occupation.

The contract miners, which includes the bulk of those employed in the actual coal mining work, are paid varying rates of wages settled by agreement between themselves and the employers and differing in accordance with the particular places and system of work—wages having been stated to range in individual cases from $2.50 to $12.00 per day, and as an average by the year the following list of mines report the rate of wages set opposite each one as being the average for the year:

Lethbridge—$3.00 to $5.00 per day.
Taber Mines, Reliance—$4.00 per day room men; $5.00 per day entry men.
Consolidated Coal Company—$3.50 to $4.00 per day.
Dominion Coal Company —$4.08
Canada West Coal Company—$52.00 a fortnight.
Lanction Mine, Woopecker— $4.00 to $7.00 per day.
Frank—$3.00 to $4.00 per day.
Bellevue—$4.79 per day.
Lille—$5.20½ per day.
Coleman—$4.85 per day.
Blackhead —$4.66 per day.
Morinville—$4.25 per day.

With reference to the various points referred to us for investigation, we submit a synopsis of the evidence with our opinions based thereon for your consideration.

Your Commission are of the opinion that legislation in regard to rates of wages would not be of any advantage to the present condition of affairs.

AS TO FORTNIGHTLY PAY DAYS

In regard to the frequency of payment of wages, the evidence given upon the part of the miners was that hours' work with one hour intermission for dinner to ten hours' work with one hour intermission for noon, and is applicable to the class of men generally known as transportation men, estimated from twenty to twenty-five per cent.

Your Commissioners regret they are unable to make a unanimous recommendation in regard to this matter.

BATH HOUSES AND VENTILATION

(3) In regard to the sanitary conditions of the Alberta mines, your Commissioners find by the evidence that all the larger mines the conditions are favourable to health so far as is consistent with the nature of the employment. In some of the smaller mines, which are ventilated by natural means, the air owing to the conditions of temperatures outside, varies considerably and in some cases responsible for the temporary closing of those mines. In this respect your Commissioners recommend a closer inspection of some of the smaller mines with a view to the improvement of the conditions.

Your commissioners also find by the evidence that some of the mines are not conducting bath houses for the use of the men, and would recommend an amendment to the Coal Mines Act making the erection of bath houses at the mine compulsory.

Your commissioners would recommend in reference to the employment of boys in the mines that the minimum age should be sixteen years. Their conclusions being based upon evidence given by a large number of miners and the opinion of physicians who have had much experience in connection with the health of miners.

FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

(4)—In regard to precautions which should be taken to avoid accidents or injuries to persons employed in or around mines; your Commissioners would recommend that the Coal Mines Act should be so amended as to provide that all necessary timber required for the use of miners should be brought as near the working face as practicable, and in no case further away than the next cross cut in the working face.

Your Commissioners would further recommend that the inspector upon each visit to the mine make a thorough inspection and post up immediately in a convenient place at the mouth of the mine a synopsis of his report, showing the places visited and the condition in which they were found, and that he insist upon the strict enforcement of the present provisions of the Coal Mines Act.

In regard to the advisability of issuing certificates to miners after examination, a large amount of evidence in the nature of opinions has been produced before your Commissioners, the miners being almost unanimously in favor of the system while the operators are just as unanimously opposed to it. No actual evidence has been produced to show whether accidents have been caused by the lack of such certificates, and therefore a majority of your Commissioners are not prepared to recommend legislation upon this subject.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(5)—In regard to the compensation of persons injured in mines or the dependents or representatives of persons killed in mines, your Commissioners would report that the evidence taken demonstrates that the provisions of the law, while they may be fair in theory, are in practice found to be expensive and necessary to conduct litigation under the present system of trial by jury and with the consequent appeals and long delays has in the past rendered it impossible in almost every case for any compensation to be recovered regardless of where the blame might rest, and your Commissioners would therefore recommend that this class of cases be treated by a special compensation law, providing for a trial of accident or negligence cases by a special commission appointed in such a way as to your Government may seem fit, whose sense of duty it shall be to hear and determine finally such cases as may be brought to their attention without appeal.

CAUSE OF CAR SHORTAGE

(6)—In regard to the question of scarcity in the coal supply during the last year, your Commissioners have so far as possible enquired into the circumstances and find a number of different causes which have affected the supply. The strikes occurring in Alberta and the neighboring province of British Columbia, cut off the supply of a large quantity of coal that would probably under other circumstances have been available for use in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The exceptional severity of the weather last winter was also responsible for a portion of the shortage, some of the mines

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An Original Celebration

Chicago, Aug. 8.—If the plans of the Building Trades Association go through Chicago will see a Labor Day innovation this year which will establish a precedent in industrial circles. The plan includes a donation by some 6,000 to 8,000 men of their services to the city for the purpose of removing the Drake drinking fountain with a statue of Columbus to some suitable point in Grand Park or elsewhere on the lake front and doing other things in a civic beautifying way. The teamsters' union is expected to offer its services to haul the tons of granite away. Plumbers will handle the removal and reinstallation of the pipes, and other organizations affiliated with the Building Trades Association will take care of their part of the work.

Preparing for Increased Traffic

Kenora, Ont., Aug. 8 —Anticipating great increase in traffic coupled with competition from other lines, the C. P. R. have started the erection of three new section stations at Winkmouth, Molson and Beausejour, which are expected to be finished before next fall. The buildings will be of the latest type and posses every modern improvement so that the district will benefit largely. In the Thunder Bay district a new station at Port Arthur is in course of completion, while at Fort William work of an extensive character is in progress on the line, including the erection of docks, this being done in order to cope with the extraordinary traffic which in the near future is fully expected to reach high figures.

Still Searching for Bodies

Montreal, Aug. 8.—The search which has been going on since the drowning of Shirley Davidson and Miss Hingston on Sunday, resulted this morning in the finding of Davidson's hat some miles down the river from the scene of the tragedy. A hat was found yesterday afternoon and recognised as one that the late Sir William Hingston was accustomed to wear while in the country and might have been picked up by Miss Hingston while preparing to go out sailing on the fateful day. Searching parties have strong hopes that the bodies will be found within a short time.

Canada Cup Challenger Off

Toronto, Aug. 8.—The Canada cup challenger, Adele, started for Charlotte Saturday afternoon. A large number of spectators watched the start from the Yacht Club headquarters, and the handsome boat was enthusiastically cheered as she ran down the harbor. Tremendous interest is being taken in cup races this year, and the Canadian hopes of recapturing the trophy were never brighter.

Well-Known Winnipegger Divorced

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Mrs. L. L. Nares, who has just returned to Winnipeg, has been granted by the California courts a decree of absolute divorce from her husband on statutory grounds. Mrs. Nares was given the custody of her two children during their minority. L. L. Nares is one of the leading real estate men of this city, but has been in California lately.

Struck By Engine

Toronto, August 8— While returning from one of the city swimming baths in the Don Valley at 12 o'clock noon today William Wilboro, fourteen years old, was struck by a C. N. R. train from Parry Sound and instantly killed.

Conductor Run Over

Toronto, August 8—Wm. Hodgeson, a G. T. P. conductor, was killed at Cobourg this morning, his own train running over him. He jumped off to run into the station and slipped under the wheels of the cab-one.

SPORTS

Baseball.

Edmonton Reversed Result

Medicine Hat—August 8—There was an exciting finish to to-night's game Edmonton winning in the ninth innings on two hits and a dumb play of Benny to Perry. Edmonton started off and had two before the Hat got to work. In the sixth the score was a tie and remained so until the ninth and last.

Scores:—
Edmonton .....1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—4
Medicine Hat.....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—2

Calgary Beat Lethbridge

Lethbridge, August 8— Calgary had decidedly the better of the game with the locals this evening, winning out with a score of eight to four. Weak hitting was the chief cause of the downfall of the home team, aided by bad fielding and misplays.

Scores:—
Calgary.....2 0 0 1 1 2 1 1 x—8
Lethbridge .....0 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 0—4

Lacrosse

No Game To-Night

The lacrosse game between Strathcona and Edmonton which should have been played this evening has been postponed until some evening next week.

The improved form shown by the locals on Wednesday should be maintained from now on, as the boys will be working under a manager in whom they can place every confidence, knowing him to be capable and an all around good fellow.

The manager thinks he should have more support from the public in the way of larger gates at the gamet, and we fully agree with him on this point. Canada's national game has certainly not received the backing it ought to have in this city.

If the boys are encouraged to keep in good trim and practise faithfully the provincial championship is their's.

Notorious Train Robber Escaped

(Special to the Chronicle)

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 9—Bill Miner, the most notorious of the gang of train robbers, whose chase and capture caused so much excitement a few months ago, escaped last night from the jail at New Westminster. The neighborhood was immediately aroused, but the efforts made to capture him have so far been unsuccessful.

Coal Heavers' Strike Ended

Montreal, Aug. 8.—The strike of 150 coal shovelers on two boats from Nova Scotia ports, came to an end today, when the men went back to work, having secured the increase they demanded, 40 cents an hour for day and 45 for night work. They had been receiving 37½ cents per hour. They went on a strike yesterday at noon.

Dr. King's Estate

Kingsville, Ont. Aug. 8—Applications have been made in the Surrogate Court to probate the will of the late Dr. F. A. King, valued at $187,000 and divided equally among the three children The government will receive in succession dues more than $9,000.

Famous Bandit Located

Victoria, B. C., August 9.—General Quantrell, leader of "Quadrell's Braves," in the Civil War, and the notorious companion of Jesse James, has been located on Vancouver Island.

Douks Are Still Wandering

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—The wandering Doukhobors, whose extraordinary mission and behavior in Winnipeg a few days since aroused so much interest in the city, are far from the promised land they seek; in fact they seem to be making very slow progress to the "Land of Eternal Sunshine." Yesterday the party passed through East Selkirk where they failed to induce their fellow countrymen, many of whom are settled in the vicinity, to join them. The party now numbers some twenty members, and all are in good health, though giving the inhabitants in the district through which they are marching the impression of fatigue. They were next seen at Tyndale and are heading for Beausejour to judge by reports received in the city today. This means that only some 30 miles of the journey has yet been made. It is known the C.P.R. will prohibit the use of the track through the wild country north of the lakes.

Presence of Mind Saved Three Lives

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 8.—The presence of mind of Mrs. William Flint probably averted a tragedy in Swansea this morning. She was in the rear of their house on College street, when smoke was seen coming from the second story window. Three children were sleeping in the room. Calling to the oldest girl for help she ran up stairs. Picking the two youngest from the bed, where they lay in a smoke-filled room, she carried them down to safety. The girl got the other child out in a few moments. The room was a mass of flames.

Medicine Hat's Taxation

Medicine Hat, Aug. 8—The rate of taxation for the current year has been struck by the city council at six mills on the dollar, with four mills additional for school purposes.

It was also decided to submit a bylaw to the burgesses respecting a proposition made by Bennett & Hamilton, whereby the city is offered fifty-eight acres of land free for manufacturing sites, on a condition that a spur line of track is laid to Industrial Place, the firm agreeing to furnish a right of way into the property.

Brakesmen Wanted

Montreal, August 8— One of the results of the ever increasing volume of traffic over the C. P. R. is the dearth of brakemen. Extra trains have had to be put on to accommodate the demands of traffic and the result is there is some scarcity of brakemen competent and able to do the work. These extraordinary conditions are due not only to the great increase in traffic but to the fact that a large number of men sought employment on other roads, due to railway extensions. Then again many young men are attracted to the West, the consequence being that difficulty is found in filling their places.

I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge Officers

Lethbridge, Aug. 8.—The following was the result of the election of officers at the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., yesterday.

Grand Master, E. Foster Brown, Macleod; deputy grand master, J. W. Mitchell, Calgary; grand warden, V. C. French, Wetaskiwin; grand secretary, O. E. Tisdale, Calgary; grand treasurer, H. J. Adams, Calgary; grand representatives, A. E. May, P.G.M., Edmonton, and R. J. Stuart, P.G., Calgary.

Fra Elbertus Must Pay

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 8.—A verdict of $20,000 damages was awarded Frederick W. Gardner, an advertising agent in the fine arts buildings of Chicago against Elbert Hubbard in the court yesterday. It is alleged that Fra Elbertus broke a contract concerning advertising rights in the Philistine and Little Journeys.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

"Character is the supreme commodity which will always serve as the rate of exchange in human life, because it cannot be counterfeited and is of essential value in itself. It is not exclusive, nor like ordinary gold found only in strata. It is found wherever men live in the fear of God and in love to their brother. As long as the spring of our people's life rises in the lofty sources of truth, obedience and reverence, and while in the dust and heat of the common day on the plains we seek to live in sympathy with Him who sat by the well of Sychar at high noon and did not disdain even the outcast, we shall have a people whose face is radiant with moral health, whose eye is strong to see afar and whose nerve will be strong to guide our nation in the way of wisdom."

THE REMEDY FOR CORRUPTION

"Does the average citizen of this province today understand as our fathers did the meaning of our heritage and the value of political freedom? Those who are most deeply engaged in political life tell us a pitiful story of the corruption of the electorate. And they say that the state of affairs is growing worse. What is the meaning of this? Surely that our intelligence has stopped short. Many in the past have thought that the mere privilege of voting would cure the evils of the body public. We know today that multitudes of people who cast their votes do so without any conception of their privilege. I am inclined to think that ignorance rather than depravity lies at the root of a great deal of our corruption, and that we shall not get a cure for the evil until, the leaders of our public life undertake to educate the people of the country to political ideals. Many do not know the meaning of a vote, and they will sell it for money without a twinge of conscience because they see that the man who wishes to get their vote desires it for a selfish party victory. What impresses them is that for the party canvasser their vote is a precious commodity. They let him pay for it. I fancy that we shall not have the venal voter cured until we so train him in citizenship that he will understand what that vote means.

"Extreme party spirit is the cause both direct and indirect of much of our corruption. If the newspapers and our leaders would undertake to drop abuse and conduct their public discussions so as to educate the masses in the meaning of citizenship we should soon find that increasing political intelligence would remedy much of our local corruption. Shall we not soon return to days like those when men awaited the illuminating utterances of some leader, and afterwards talked it over and grounded themselves in the principles of their party? Is the day of debating society done, and has the secret caucus of the party machine become the power that controls the public body? —for I can hardly say mind. Nova Scotia can surely again provide the Dominion with leaders who are educated, as she has done so abundantly in the past."

DEFEND THE COMMON SCHOOL

"Let me urge you to defend the intelligence of the people. And primarily protect the common school. It is not beneath your regard. Some men may be deluded into thinking that the epoch making event today is the struggle between the financiers of the Dominion Steel and Coal. These men are much talked of. But of immensely greater concern to this country is the condition of the public Schools in the Island of Cape Breton than the victory of the companies at Sydney. In those schools your citizens are being trained. Hidden among the valleys of Cape Breton are boys, whose future value to this country is inestimable. Let us use our influence wherever we go to combat the folly of stinginess in education which prevails in many districts not only of this province but of the Dominion. Will not the day come when we shall cease haggling about the price we pay teachers and seek rather the best we can get in our rural schools. A broad and educative curriculum, well-trained teachers and an opportunity for every child to do the best with the talents that God has given him, will soon solve the question whether Nova Scotia will continue to do her duty by the Dominion. The recent inauguration of the scheme of technical education has been a good step. Such investments are permanent."

The above extracts from the address of Rev. Dr. Falconer, who has lately been appointed principal of Toronto University, before the Canadian Club at Halifax, are worthy the perusal of all who set more store by their country than they do by the party of their espousal.

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As the Chronicle predicted some time ago the Coal Commission recommends among other things 'A CLOSER INSPECTION OF THE VENTILATION OF SOME OF THE SMALLER MINES.'

That "THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND OPENINGS TO THE MINE SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED FEET.

Inspectors' reports should be posted at the mine.

The Chronicle has been criticised for its advocacy of these measures, as a precaution against the recurrence of another fatality such as occurred at the mine in this city in June.

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The Journal complains that the Coal Commission's report was placed in its hands only after the government organ had already been given an opportunity of publishing it.

The action on the part of the officials is contemptible in the extreme, but only of a piece with what has been the policy of the government,—provincial and Dominion—ever since the beginning of the present regime. The party seems to believe that it exists only for its own friends.

MR. BORDEN'S TOUR

(Red Deer News)

Mr. Borden has mapped out a busy programme for himself. He is on August 20th to begin a tour of Canada that will embrace the far east and the far west in a little over two months, and by the time he gets back to Ottawa he should have gained a pretty accurate idea of the appearance and political feeling of all the provinces. That is, of course, if he is starting out for.

It will not be much of a holiday trip. The spectacular features of a welcome home will be lacking, but Mr. Borden may be assured none the less of a hearty welcome from the men of the West. He will find the men of the West worth knowing, too, and it is not at all unlikely that he will somewhere in the West come across a man whom he wants as lieutenant. It is owing to the Conservatives of the West that their resources of men and brain be recognized, and we look for the choice of the men who are to sit high in Mr. Borden's councels, when the time of his triumphs come, to include some of our men from the West That he has this before him as a thing to be desired is itself practically certain. As far as hearing whether message Mr. Borden may bring, all Canada will be ready and eager to hear him. A word in season and a strong word will meet with hearty and honest response, for such a word, Canada, tired of double dealing and political tactics, is waiting.

Mr. Borden's tour will begin in Nova Scotia, where in his own province and city and among his own people, he will first sound the keynote of Conservative policy. After doing the Maritime provinces and Quebec he will spend from September 7th to 17th in Ontario, and from there will go to British Columbia, where he will spend one week, from September 24th to October 1st. Alberta and Saskatchewan will be visited on the return trip, with one week in each, and the tour will conclude with Manitoba and the West Ontario towns of Fort William and Port Arthur. The arrangements of the dates and places within these time limits is being left to the local Conservative organizations.

ADDRESS HON A. B. AYLESWORTH
—OTTAWA—

As yet public opinion in Canada on questions of morality and justice is sound at the core, but unless the leaders of the people, and especially those charged in any degree with the administration of justice, stand guard against the drift toward laxity, there will come such a loosening of the tone and such a weakening of the fiber as will make justice in Canada the by-word it has become in the United States.—The Globe.

AN ESTIMATE OF BOURASSA.

(Calgary Albertan)

The enemies of Henri Bourassa never acted the truer and better friends than the misguided persons who attempted to make trouble at the meeting which was held a couple of days ago in Quebec when one of his meetings was interrupted.

Bourassa is not a patriot or a hero, or a great person. He is a small narrow minded Frenchman, with a vision no broader than the province of Quebec and only as large as a very small portion of it.

He has no cause to advocate, no grievance to right, no mission to perform, no message to deliver. The greatest injury that can be done to his cause is to give him ample opportunity to have his say. The greatest boost that can be given to him is to interrupt him, to harpoon him, to cry against him and to allow him to pose as a martyr.

Bourassa is not a great person, and his greatest benefactors at the present time the misguided people who are re attempting to throw him down at public meetings.

The Battered Hobbyhorse.

A scarred and battered hobbyhorse, with one eye missing, its tail and mane reduced to ragged wisps of hair and a little leather saddle worn almost to fragments on its back, formed a part of the baggage carried by an aged couple in the Union station waiting room at St. Louis the other evening. It captured the interest of a crowd that gathered. The old man listened to the comments, some of them unkind jests. Then he spoke, almost in a tone of apology. "We're goin' to Texas, and we couldn't leave it behind," he explained. "You see, it belonged to our little boy that's dead. He used to set a might o' store by that old horse, and now it's all we've got to remember him by. We kept it all these years back in Indiana, and then when things got bad and our daughter down in Texas sent for us, why, we just packed up and started. Had to leave lots of things back there, but not that. We couldn't leave that, could we?" He turned to his wife. "No; we couldn't leave the horse," she said.

Buying Clothes.

"I suppose everybody has some plan of making purchases," said a man holding a list of wearing apparel that he was about to buy. "Do you see those two articles I have crossed off? I am not going to buy them till the end of the season, when the price will be cut. For the same reason I am not going to lose a day in securing the articles not crossed off. The two articles I cut out I can wait for without much inconvenience. As for the others, since I have to buy them in season and pay the regular price, I will buy them at once and have at least a month and a half's extra use of them. That makes no break even with the end of the season. I save by purchasing early and late, though the early purchases I deem most economical, particularly in things where style is a consideration."

The Seat of Authority.

It is an unwritten law on shipboard, and especially on men-of-war, that the quarter deck is for the exclusive use of officers, and all good seamen remember, in spite of their ambitions. It once happened that an ancient mariner, a "five striper," while on shore leave captured a mule. Not without difficulty he mounted the animal and perched himself as near the tail as possible. The mule objected in every way known to a mule and in ways several and unexpected.

"Jack, sit more amidships," called out an engineer officer who happened past; "you'll ride easier."

"Captain," grinned the old salt, "this is the first craft I ever commanded, and it's a pity if I can't stay on the quarter deck."

Stanton Could Swear.

One day President Lincoln saw Senator Fessenden coming toward his office room. Mr. Fessenden had received the promise of some appointment in Maine for one of his constituents. The case had been overlooked. As soon as Mr. Lincoln caught sight of the senator he saw Fessenden was angry and called out, "Say, Fessenden, aren't you an Episcopalian?" Mr. Fessenden, somewhat taken aback, answered, "Yes, I belong to that persuasion, Mr. President." Mr. Lincoln then said: "I thought so. You swear so much like Seward. Seward is an Episcopalian. But you ought to hear Stanton swear. He can beat you both. He is a Presbyterian."

A New Orleans Dish.

The greatest, the most toothsome and sustaining of all dishes is the gombe file one encounters in New Orleans—not at public eating houses, but in private residences. It is a strange yet halcyon compound of five different integers, each cooked separately and afterward joined in a most delectable and fragrant mess. There are fried chicken, broiled bacon, stewed oysters, peppers and smothered onions, all prepared with unutterable skill. These are by one lavishly supplied into a pot of most celestial "stock," and when the consommation is complete, for service the presiding genius of the kitchen pours into the capacious gombe a shower of fine green dust—the powdered leaf of the sassafras—and there you have a plate that would have made Lucullus gasp in simple wonder. There is none like it nor shall be till our summers are deceased.

CALGARY WILL HAVE SOME BUFFALO

(Calgary Albertan)

Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, arrived in the city last night and will be in the city today. He is on his way through western Canada, and before his return to Ottawa, will visit British Columbia.

In an interview last night he stated to the Albertan that he had learned nothing about the future of the Strathcona Horse. He had not heard that the location had been decided upon. He knew nothing of the formation of the force.

About the location of the buffalo he had something more definite. He said the department had no intention of locating the buffalo permanently in the present location at Lamont. The place was selected as a temporary abiding place because it had been prepared for elk, and accordingly had been fenced in properly and would be a safe place for the buffalo.

"We have been looking for some time for a permanent breeding ground for the Buffalo and I think that we have found one. It will be on the Battle river, north of the Wetaskiwin branch of the C.P.R. and south of the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, occupying four townships. This will be selected if we can make arrangements with the C.P.R. and the Hudson's Bay Company, who hold a portion of the land.

"The location I believe to be the best. It is a range country and not well adapted for cultivation. It will be near the railways and we can always get hay to the animals when hay is needed. It is not settled now We shall always be in the vicinity of a good water supply.

"That will be the main breeding place," said Mr. Oliver. "But that will not prevent us from distributing small detachments of the buffalo from there and locating them in different parts of the west for show purposes. If Calgary does not buffalo or if other cities desire some buffalo for exhibition purposes the department will be glad to consider the application and I am sure will parcel out a certain number for them. There will always be a large number of surplus males, and the males are the best for exhibition purposes.

In speaking of the Sarcee reserve, Mr. Oliver said that the reserve would not be large enough for a breeding ground for all the buffalo, though it might be a good place for some of them. When questioned Mr. Oliver said that he had not investigated yet, hope that a portion of the reserve might be opened up for settlement.

The minister gave the Albertan to understand that Calgary would have no difficulty in getting a portion of the herd, and probably as large a portion of the herd as they desired, under the present arrangements.

Mr. Oliver had little to say about political matters. He will be in the city today and will meet any deputations that desire to wait upon him.

AUCTION SALE

on the

MARKET SQUARE, STRATHCONA

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

at 1 o'clock sharp

Having received instructions from Messrs Wilson and Birnie-Brownie, late of the Strathcona Transfer Co., we will sell at the above time and place

1 heavy draft team (the celebrated Garbe team; one bay horse, suitable for delivery business, well broken to drive or ride; one black mare, good driver with foal at side; one black mare, well broken to drive or ride; 1 lumber waggon; 2 old waggons; 1 heavy spring delivery waggon; buggy, top with pole and shafts; 3 other buggies; 1 stump puller, complete; 1 two wheeled spring cart; 1 combination breaking plow, new; 1 stubble plow; 2 Frost & Wood plows, new; 1 set disc harrows; 1 set tooth harrows; 2 sets double harness; 1 set light double harness; 2 sluch scrapers; 2 self dumping scrapers; 1 set platform scales, 2000 lbs; 4 screw jacks, double trees, neckyoke, etc.; 1 cream separator; 1 new 3 horse power gasoline boat motor; 1 new empire Typewriter 2 new horse blankets; 10 driving and saddle horses (halfer broken) will also be offered if not disposed of before date of sale.

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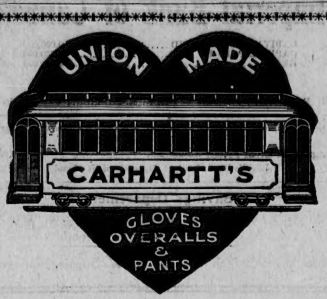

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"'Hello, now, but what's the matter?' I called after her.

"'You've cut their tails off,' she replied.

"'Yes; that was done when they were pigs.'

"'Then you knock off 50 cents apiece for missing tails or I don't buy. It's whole hog or none and no graft.'"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Going Him One Better.

An American tourist on a visit to Glasgow on emerging from the railway station was accosted by a lad with a familiar shout of "Carry your bag sir?" The gentleman handed the boy the bag and requested to be shown through Glasgow. Crossing George square, they came opposite to Sir Walter Scott's monument, and the boy said proudly:

"That is one of the largest monuments in Scotland."

"Oh," said the Yankee, with an air of indifference, "we have threepenny cigars as big as that in America."

They got on a tram car going east, and just as they alighted at the terminus a long circular piece of iron on a truck drawn by twelve horses came up the street. The American in surprise asked what that was for. The boy, remembering what the Yankee had said about the cigars and with a resolve to be even with him, replied:

"Oh, a new hotel has just been built in the Trongate, and that is the kitchen poker."—Tit-Bits.

Advice to the Court.

Uncle Eph was before the court on the same old charge. After the evidence was all in the judge, with a perplexed look, said, "But I cannot comprehend, Ephraim, how it was possible for you to steal those chickens when they were roosting right under the owner's window and there were two vicious dogs in the yard."

"It wouldn't do you a bit of good, jedge, for me to splain how I cotched 'em," said Eph solemnly. "You couldn't do it if you tried forty times, and you might get a hide full of buckshot debery fust time yer put yer leg ober dat fence. De bes' way for yer to do, jedge, is for yer to buy yer chickens in de market."—Woman's Home Companion.

Overheard at the Station.

The Guard—Are you first class? Farmer John—Yes, thankee. 'Ow 'erse'elf?—Tatler

Properties of Gold.

Pure gold is unaffected by the atmosphere either at ordinary temperatures or when the metal is heated. It is also proof against the action of common acids when used singly. Moreover, it confers its properties more or less upon copper and silver when these metals are alloyed with it. Thus, for example, twelve karat gold will withstand the action of nitric acid and the atmosphere at ordinary temperature, but some of the copper will be oxidized during annealing. Nine parts of gold may be alloyed with ten parts of platinum in an ordinary crucible and fire, but such an alloy will not be uniform. A larger proportion of platinum will free itself from the gold on solidification, and a homogeneous alloy of the two metals cannot be obtained.—Jewelers' Circular Weekly.

Before the Bar.

The terms "admitted to the bar" and "before the bar" are of English origin. The "bar" in question is the barrier or railing which separates the judge and the other officers of the court from the rest of the courtroom. In olden days the parties to a suit presented themselves before this bar, accompanied by their counsel. A lawyer, after keeping the required number of terms at the inns of court and passing a satisfactory examination, was then entitled to appear before the bar on behalf of a client, or, in other words, he was "admitted to the bar." The English word "barrister" suggests the technical meaning of this word.—Scrap Book.

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Dickens and Schoolmasters.

Dickens, with something in his disposition peculiarly sympathetic toward children, was a bitter foe of any one—relative, teacher or official guardian—who tyrannized over them. A writer in the New York Post points out that he seems to take special delight in exposing the misdeeds of mercenary and cold hearted pedagogues. "When one's notice," says the Post, "is first directed to the attention the novelist gave to schools and their methods, it is interesting to try to recall the number mentioned. Six come to mind instantly—Dotheboys Hall, Dr. Blimber's, David Copperfield's two schools—Dr. Strong's and Mr. Creakle's—the Gradgrind school and Bradley Headstone's in 'Our Mutual Friend.' But even the most devoted reader of Dickens is amazed upon special investigation to discover the sum total of twenty-eight. There is not a phase of education that he does not touch upon, and wrong methods are revealed and commented upon in tones so caustic and with reason so unerring that better conditions were the natural result."

Wooden Anchors.

The Basques, a strange race intermediate between French and Spaniards, have for all time been great fishermen, and some of their craft and seagoing gear are totally different from any other known types. Perhaps the most remarkable relic of bygone civilizations is the primitive wooden anchor still in use among them and to be seen in the fishing settlements round Biarritz, Guethary or St. Jean de Luz. These wooden anchors are in all probability of the identical type in use among the Phoenicians twenty centuries ago. The wooden anchor is rough hewn out of three branches, so fastened to a crossbar, also of wood, as to inclose a great stone of twenty or thirty pounds weight. Here is a cheap but effectual anchor for comparatively light boats. It can be made on the spot, and it entails little loss if, in a sudden squall, it has to be left imbedded in the rocks.

A Puzzle.

"Do you think you will learn to like your titled son-in-law?"

"I don't know," answered Mr. Cumrox. "I can't quite tell where to place him in my expense account. He is neither a recreation nor an investment."

A Verbal Difference.

The difference between having a tooth drawn by a professional man and having it knocked out by a fall on the pavement is only a verbal one. The one is dental, the other accidental.

Dividing the Task.

The real division of labor, as a husband once put before me, is, "She says it, and I does it."—Bishop of Bristol.

Didn't Strike Him That Way.

Chumley—Did you ever serve on a grand jury?

Grubbun—Well, I served on a jury once, but I didn't see anything grand about it.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Very Worst.

Schoolmistress—Now, tell me the truth, Johnny Jones. You know what will happen if you tell a lie, don't you? Johnny Jones—Yes, ma'am; I'll go to a bad place. Schoolmistress—Yes, and that isn't the worst of it. You'll also be expelled from school.

Man's Character.

According to an old French saying, "A man's character is like his shadow, which sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him and which is occasionally longer, occasionally shorter, than he is."

There is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca.

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JOS. SHARPE,
Rec. Secretary.

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A Telltale Nail.

Dr. John Donne, the famous English divine and poet, who lived in the reign of James I., was a veritable Sherlock Holmes in bent of mind.

He was walking in the churchyard while a grave was being dug when the sexton cast up a moldering skull. The doctor idly took it up, and, in handling it, found a headless nail driven into it. This he managed to take out and conceal in his handkerchief. It was evident to him that murder had been done. He questioned the sexton and learned that the skull was probably that of a certain man who was the proprietor of a brandy shop and was a drunkard, being found dead in bed one morning after a night in which he had drunk two quarts of brandy.

"Had he a wife?" asked the doctor.

"Yes."

"What character does she bear?"

"She bore a very good character, only the neighbors gossiped because she married the day after her husband's funeral. She still lives here."

The doctor soon called on the woman. He asked for and received the particulars of the death of her first husband. Suddenly opening his handkerchief, he showed her the telltale nail, asking in a loud voice:

"Madam, do you know this nail?"

The woman was so surprised that she confessed and was tried and executed.

Night Window Shopping.

"I used to think the money spent for light in show windows from closing time till morning was wasted," said a Fifth avenue merchant, "but I have changed my mind about it, and now I keep my windows lighted until 3 a. m. every night but Sunday. I took the trouble to make some investigations as to the value of shop windows before I changed my method. I found that in daytime, when the streets are filled, no one has time for more than a glance at the displays. But at night, and particularly late at night, while there are fewer people out, they are not in a hurry and many of them stop to examine critically the goods shown. I have frequently seen men and women, too, who were window shopping before my place at night inside buying the things the next day. Many people in New York keep themselves posted on fashions and on what is to be had in the stores by 'window shopping.'"

Man and the Horse.

Men are apt to say severe things of the absurdities to which many women will submit at the behest of fashion, but, really, they are every bit as bad. A good horse has a naturally arched neck, an inferior one has not. But the owner of the latter must pretend that his sorry steed is blessed with blood, and to effect the deceit he slaps on a monstrous bearing rein and defies public opinion. A London cartman who is in many things a bit of a brute, will ease his horse when going up hill by removing the reins which keep its head up, but whoever or what the kindness extended to a horse drawing a brougham? The same slavish following of fashion marks the attention to the horse's tail. The thoroughbred has his three-quarter length bush, so have the matched pair for the brougham, but what man would drive a cob which had a tail bigger than a half expanded fan?—St. James' Gazette.

Wood Burners in Paris.

Despite all modern improvements, Paris still heats its offices and its houses to a large extent with wood. Its bakers and confectioners use hardly anything else for fuel. It burns up whole forests of timber every year, and extensive forests in several regions of France are reserved for supplying it with fuel. Coal is scarce in France and dear and not of very good quality. Besides, the Parisians are conservative in home matters. The cheery appearance of the glowing log on the hearth appeals to them, and most likely generations will pass before they give up burning wood altogether.

Prepared For Temptation.

Little Tommy had been forbidden to swim in the river, owing to the danger. One day he came home with unmistakable signs of having been in the water. His mother scolded him severely. "But I was tempted so badly, mother," said Tommy. "That's all very well, but how'd you come to have your bathing suit with you?" Tommy paused and then said, "Well, mother, I took my bathing suit along thinking I might be tempted."—Dundee Advertiser.

India Dialects.

India has hundreds of dialects, which may all be classed under three great heads—the Sanscrit, Pracrit and Magadhi. The Sanscrit is the fashionable language and that of the Vedas, the Pracrit the vernacular language in many dialects and the Magadhi or Misra is that of Ceylon and the islands.

An Advocate of Credit.

"The way to get on," said the business man, "is to conduct your operations on a cash basis."

"Not in politics," answered Senator Sorghum. "Promises are just as effectual as cash and not nearly so dangerous."

Was It Fresh?

An Indiana woman, as she examined the fowl brought from the market, said to her little son, "Did the grocer tell you this turkey was quite fresh?"

"Yes'm," the boy answered; "he just said to keep none with it as fast as I could."

General ideas and great conceit are always in a fair way to cause horrible mischief.—Goethe.

Coal Commission's Report

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having been compelled to close entirely for short periods and others could only operate with reduced tonnage and at a considerable extra expense and also seriously interfered at times with the operations of the railways.

Your Commission also find that the lack of storage facilities at central points, not only increased the shortage of coal, but also militated against the profitable working of the mines in summer and the carrying of wages by the men regularly during the summer months.

Your Commissioners also find that the scarcity of mechanics and delays in getting material for the purpose of making needed improvements in connection with some of the larger mines was a serious factor in delaying development, and consequently prevented an increased supply of coal available for consumption.

Another reason given in partial explanation of the coal shortage was the fact that a large number of miners, particularly in the prairie districts have taken up homesteads and only work in the mines in the winter time.

Evidence was also given that a certain proportion of the shortage from some mines was due to the habit of some miners taking religious and other holidays in addition to Sundays and legal holidays.

Your Commissioners find in regard to a number of the newer mines, particularly in the Edmonton, Tabor and Woodpecker districts, a serious complaint on the part of the mine owners in regard to lack of sidings for the economical loading and shipment of coal, many of these owners claiming that their capacity for profitable sale would be very largely increased if they had been able to have secured sidings promptly, thus accounting for a proportion at least of the shortage in the car supply.

Your Commissioners find that in addition to these clauses a very large proportion of the coal shortage during the past year has been due to the lack of cars furnished by the railways. This shortage in many mines has been not only a serious source of annoyance and danger to the consumers of coal, but a very heavy loss to the operators and the men engaged in mining, who in the larger mines have been kept idle for a period averaging at least two months of working days last year.

Your Commissioners find that although this state of affairs was a little more serious during the winter that at some mines it continued to almost an equal extent in the summer and is due to lack of transportation facilities, both cars and power on the part of the railways, as well as terminal facilities and to a certain extent in some mines the lack of bunker capacity which would have enabled the operators to have kept the mines working until cars could have been supplied them.

Evidence has been given on behalf of the railway companies that lack of transportation facilities was due to their inability to purchase equipment, and that the leak of terminal facilities and the building of spurs was largely due to their inability to secure men and material to do the necessary work.

The railway people also claim that a strict observance of the Lord's Day Act would seriously interfere with the supply of cars in future, and in that way would curtail a supply of coal unless provided with a large additional equipment.

Your Commissioners would strongly urge in regard to the storing of coal that your Government should make every effort to induce individuals and companies, who are able to do so, to keep a supply of coal on hand stored during the summer for winter use. This has apparently in the past been absolutely neglected even during last year by large and constant users of coal, the railroads even not keeping any supply for more than four or five days' use, thus in case of any shut-down or mines, arising from any cause, apparently compelling the use of the daily output of the mestic coal, which should be for the use of ordinary consumers unable to store their coal.

In addition to what can be done this way, your commissioners would recommend legislation in regard to the erection and licensing of warehouses, which would enable agents and dealers to better finance the purchase and storage of coal during the slack season.

In regard to the lack of sidings, your Commissioners would recommend that your Government take steps to investigate the several cases mentioned in the evidence, and where sidings are practicable, assist in placing the proper evidence before the railway authorities or railway commission to secure the erection of same.

In regard to the question of car shortage, your Commission would recommend that your Government should take all possible steps towards compelling the furnishing of cars to shippers in Alberta, and would recommend such legislation as may be necessary to accomplish that end. Evidence has been given upon the question of what is generally known as reciprocal demurrage, and your Commissioners are of the opinion that unless prompt compliance with the requirements of the mines of Alberta is otherwise made by the railroads operating therein that some such system is an absolute necessity and that your Government should take whatever measures as may be deemed expedient to accomplish the requisite purpose.

AS TO COMPANY STORES

(7)—Companies Stores—Evidence was produced before your Commissioners that at two mines there were strong suspicions on the part of the miners that stores were operated in the interests of the company. This was denied by the managers of the companies in question, and your Commissioners do not feel that such evidence was produced as would warrant interference.

(8)—Incorporation of Unions—Evidence has been given both in favour of and against a law compelling the incorporation of unions. Upon this point we refer your Government to the evidence taken and express no opinion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR L. SIFTON,
Chairman.
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CHRONKS.

The gent that advanced the theory that the Canadian West has too much sunlight for white men to live in should have been here yesterday.

Around the City.

Miss E. V. Lendrum of Malone's store is out on her holidays.

Mrs. Arthur Davies will receive on Wednesday next, August 14th. Her sister, Mrs. Tomlins, will receive with her.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Methodist Church at the close of the service next Sunday morning.

John Hollow, who has for some time been staying at the Windsor Hotel and who was seized with an illness yesterday, was this morning found to be suffering from appendicitis. He was removed to the Strathcona hospital in Wainright's ambulance.

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